

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 333

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to designate the first Sunday in August as the
"Day of School Prayer Walking" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution allows for the free exercise of religion; and

WHEREAS, seventy-three percent of Americans identify themselves as Christians; and

WHEREAS, a fundamental part of all Christianity is prayer; and

WHEREAS, we, as citizens of the State of Tennessee, value the freedom we have to gather and pray, and we acknowledge that ultimate power, protection, and security come from God; and

WHEREAS, "prayer walking" is simply praying in the very places that we expect God to bring forth his answers; and

WHEREAS, the children of Tennessee are its greatest asset and their safety is of the highest importance; and

WHEREAS, given the violent acts that have beset our nation's schools-from Columbine High School and Virginia Tech to Sandy Hook Elementary; it is imperative that people of prayer should join together, to ask God for his blessing and protection upon every child in our schools, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby designate the first Sunday in August as the "Day of School Prayer Walking" in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join in this worthy observance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.